

TRIBUTE TO DR. IRENE K. KIM—  
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Dr. Irene K. Kim of Hollywood, a unique neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Irene K. Kim, MD, FACS serves as the Director of the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Comprehensive Transplant Center, and Assistant Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles Department of Surgery. She received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and then attended the University of California, San Francisco, where she received her Doctorate in Medicine with honors. Dr. Kim completed her residency in general surgery at Tufts Medical Center and her fellowship in abdominal transplantation at Stanford University, where she was a clinical instructor in the Department of Surgery from 2010 to 2012.

Presently, Dr. Kim serves as Chair of the International Pediatric Transplant Association's Membership Committee, board member of the United Network for Organ Sharing, and Councilor-at-Large for the American Society of Transplant Surgeons. Dr. Kim's medical society memberships are impressive and include the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation, International Liver Transplantation Society, The Transplantation Society, International Pediatric Transplant Association, American Society of Transplant Surgeons, Korean American Medical Association, American Society of Transplantation, Association for Academic Surgery, and Pacific Coast Surgical Association.

From her many scientific and research publications and editorials, to being a lecturer and speaker on numerous occasions at seminars and symposiums, Dr. Kim's accomplishments are multidimensional. In addition to her dedicated service in the healthcare arena, Dr. Kim also serves on the board of the Foundation for The AIDS Monument.

Some of the many honors Dr. Kim has received include the Leslie B. Brent Award from The Transplantation Society for best scientific manuscript, the Tufts Department of Surgery Chairman Award, the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Department of Surgery Kenneth W. Adashek Award, and the American Liver Foundation "Outstanding Women in Healthcare Award."

Dr. Kim and her husband, Thomas Kudrle have two children, Max and Sylvie.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Dr. Irene K. Kim.

CELEBRATING THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
HEAD START PROGRAM

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the fifty-seventh anniversary of the Head Start program, which was founded on the idea that people of all backgrounds can lead productive lives and thus deserve the opportunities that education makes possible. Since its creation on May 18, 1965, Head Start has fostered the cognitive, social, physical, and emotional development of tens of millions of children from low-income families across America and has helped set them up for success before they begin their educational journeys in school.

When President Lyndon B. Johnson introduced Head Start as part of his 'War on Poverty,' he said that the program would go down in history as 'one of the most constructive, and one of the most sensible, and also one of the most exciting programs that this Nation has ever undertaken.' His words proved prescient, as even today, more than a million American pre-school children participate in Head Start each year. These students are not the only ones who benefit from the program. Early-education teachers gain insights from research conducted by Head Start administrators. Parents gain access to affordable child care and job training, allowing them to work to improve their families' well-being. By every measure, this program is delivering enormous benefits to our country and the children who will be its future.

The overwhelming success of Head Start, however, belongs to the communities that support it. Head Start depends on the dedication of more than a million volunteers—most of whom are the parents of Head Start children—who devote hours of their time to the program. Their work is crucial at a time when more than 6 million American children, or nearly 15 percent of all kids in the United States, live in poverty. When data was last reported in 2019, it revealed that 59,000 families participating in Head Start had been experiencing homelessness. Thanks in part to Head Start's services, however, more than a quarter of these families were able to find housing that same year.

From expanding programs like the Children's Health Insurance Program to implementing the Child Tax Credit to help families weather the COVID-19 pandemic, House Democrats continue to take action aimed at eradicating child poverty in our country. Head Start will remain one of our greatest tools to combat child poverty in the years ahead, and we must continue to ensure that it has the support and resources it needs to carry that work forward. As President Johnson said when he created Head Start: 'five- and six-year-old children are inheritors of poverty's curse and not its creators.' These children today can help us build a better and stronger America for tomorrow, but only if we invest in their growth, wellbeing, and opportunity.

RECOGNIZING THE 57TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START

### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 57th anniversary of the Head Start program and the invaluable services it makes available to children and families in need.

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson commissioned Sargent Shriver with the establishment of a comprehensive child development program that would assist underserved communities meet the needs of preschool children. With the help of education, psychology, and child experts, the U.S. government initially launched "Project Head Start" as an eight-week summer program that reached 561,000 children. Finding early success, the program was expanded in the fall of 1965 to provide services throughout the entire school year. In the subsequent decades, Head Start has further grown to include bilingual and bicultural programs, as well as services for disadvantaged infants, toddlers, and pregnant women through Early Head Start grants.

The initiative has now reached over 39 million children in its history and serves nearly 1 million children and their families annually in urban and rural areas in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. territories. Head Start's exceptional dedication to our children is admirable, and this year, as it celebrates its 57th anniversary, we express our appreciation for the impact that it has had on communities across the country and especially in Bucks and Montgomery counties.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF SENATOR HIRAM RHODES  
REVELS

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Senator Hiram Rhodes Revels.

Senator Revels was the first Black person to serve in the United States Senate, and he was the first pastor of Zion Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Natchez.

Senator Revels was born a free man in Fayetteville, North Carolina on September 27, 1827. In 1845, Senator Revels was ordained a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church after attending the Beech Grove Quaker Seminary in Indiana and Darke Seminary for Blacks in Ohio. At the beginning of the Civil War, Senator Revels established two Colored Troop regiments from Maryland, and in 1862, he served as Chaplain for a U.S. Colored Troop regiment in Vicksburg, MS and Natchez, MS. In 1863 Senator Revels established a Freedman's school in St. Louis, MO. In 1866 after serving churches in Louisville, KY and New Orleans, LA, Senator Revels settled in Natchez, MS where he became pastor of Zion Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1868, Senator Revels' first elected position was as a Natchez Alderman. In 1869, Senator

Revels was elected to the Mississippi Legislature as a Senator. On January 20, 1870, the Mississippi Legislature voted to seat Senator Revels to fill one of two unexpired Mississippi U.S. Senate seats vacated by Senator Albert Brown and Senator Jefferson Davis, who vacated his Senate seat to serve as President of the Confederacy. During Reconstruction, as Mississippi was readmitted to the Union on February 23, 1870, Hiram Rhodes Revels took his seat on February 25, 1870 as the first Black person to serve in the United States Senate and served on the Education and Labor Committee.

At the end of his Senate term on March 3, 1871, Senator Revels chose to return to Mississippi to become the first President of Alcorn State University, formally known as Oakland College. Alcorn is the first landgrant school in the United States for Black students. Alcorn is named for Senator Revels' political supporter, Governor James Alcorn. Briefly, in 1873, Senator Revels was chosen as Mississippi interim Secretary of State after the death of John Roy Lynch. He took a hiatus from Alcorn in 1874 and became the pastor of a church in Holly Springs, MS. In 1876 he returned as President of Alcorn and retired in 1882. Senator Revels returned to the ministry in Holly Springs where he died January 16, 1901.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Senator Hiram Rhodes Revels.

#### REMEMBERING RUTH MARIE GRANT

#### HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman MIKE DOYLE, to recognize the life of Ruth Marie Grant who passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2022, after a wonderful and trailblazing 90 years of life.

Ruth Marie O'Block was born on September 2, 1931, in Plum, Pennsylvania and spent her life growing and investing in her community through business and public service. This began after her graduation from Seton Hill University and marriage to Louis A. Grant. True to Pittsburgh style, together they began Louis A. Grant, Inc., a multi-million-dollar international competitor in the steel and aluminum industry. Ruth led the company for 54 years, spearheading women's leadership in an overwhelmingly male-dominated industry.

She also made significant headway in the financial industry, serving as the first female Board Member of People's Bank of Unity and remained active on the Board of S&T Bank following the two institutions' merger.

At her core, Ruth was a champion for public service, and inspiration for tomorrow's leaders. She was constantly seeking ways to improve access to education and serve her community. Her titles were numerous and spanned all levels of government. At the national level, Ruth served on the U.S. Department of Commerce's Committee on International Trade. In Pennsylvania, she served on the Governor's Education Committee where she contributed to the formulation of public policy, key personnel selections and decisions to reduce costs while enhancing the Commonwealth's

education services. And in Plum specifically, she held numerous roles including with the Plum Water Authority, Plum Planning and Zoning commission and the Plum Library Board.

Ruth also left an indelible mark at Seton Hill University, where she served as a trustee for a total of 22 years and was the immediate past chair of the Board of Trustees.

We believe Ruth would agree, that despite a lifetime of service, her most important titles were mother and "Granna." Ruth is pre-deceased by her husband Louis, but survived by her four children: Toni Grant Verstandig (Lee), Cindy Grant Pallatino, Ruth Ann Grant Wargofchik and Louis A. Grant, Jr., and seven grandchildren: John R. Wargofchik III, Andrew Wargofchik, Brady Wargofchik, Grant Verstandig, Brittany Grant, Louis Grant and Gaetano Grant.

May her legacy serve as an inspiration to new generations of public servants and entrepreneurs; and her memory serve as a blessing to her family.

#### TRIBUTE TO LUCY LEVINSOHN BERMAN—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Lucy grew up in Palm Desert, California with her mother and sisters but spent many vacations and weekends with her father in Sunland. After her graduation from Palm Desert High School, she moved to the Los Angeles area, where she attended Glendale Community College, and California State University, Northridge, where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Music.

Activism and community service were important values instilled into Lucy at an early age. As a young girl, she volunteered at Ahead with Horses, a non-profit dedicated to providing equine therapy to disabled, special needs, and disadvantaged children. As a teenager, she volunteered for the Temple Sinai of Palm Desert's Thanksgiving feasts and yearly food drive and created her first daytime music festival in support of the Desert AIDS Project called NOMAD (New Original Music Across the Desert).

Ms. Levinsohn Berman is a Jewish American songwriter, singer and recording artist, who is most recognized as the frontwoman of the alternative rock band EVOLOVE, based in Los Angeles. Lucy's music has been featured in film and television, and her most recent project, The DreiDells is a Jewish comedy duo she and her sister, Anya Boyer developed to share a positive worldwide message about Judaism. A community builder and activist, she is a committee member of Songwriters of North America, which works towards fair royalty rates in the digital arena.

For nearly a decade, Ms. Levinsohn Berman has been a well-known leader in the Sunland-Tujunga Jewish community. As an enthusiastic member of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council's Arts, Recreation, and Culture Committee, she founded Hanukkah in the Foothills, an annual inclusive celebration open to everyone that features traditional Hanukkah music, food, and the Hanukkah story. She also volunteered for Love The Neighborhood, a Sunland-Tujunga community beautification group.

Lucy and her husband, Billy, reside in Sunland with their two children, Zoey and Benny, dogs, tortoise, and chickens.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Lucy Levinsohn Berman.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN KEVIN LONG

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Kevin Long of the Dearborn Fire Department on the occasion of his retirement. His honorable twenty-six years of service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Captain Long began his career at the Dearborn Fire Department in October 1996, beginning as a Firefighter 1. In April 2002, he was promoted to Firefighter 2 and then to the role of Fire Engineer in May 2006. Due to his excellence in service, he was named Lieutenant in April 2011 and then Captain in August 2012. Known for his bravery and leadership, he received the Departmental Medal of Valor in 1997 and the John D. Dingell Medal of Freedom Memorial Commendation in 2019. He is also the recipient of several awards, including the Fire Chief Life Saving Award, the Meritorious Service Award, the Fire Chief Unit Commendation, and numerous Meritorious Company Commendations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Captain Kevin Long for a career of exemplary service to the Dearborn Fire Department. I join with Captain Long's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him for his honorable service in protecting our community and thank him for his role in serving the people of the City of Dearborn for the past twenty-six years. We wish him the best in retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, this week due to the ongoing public health emergency, I have been using a proxy to cast my vote. However, my proxy was unavailable during the time of this vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 190.